

SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013

6 P.M.

HAMPDEN TOWN OFFICE

1. MINUTES OF 03/11/2013
2. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. PAPERMILL ROAD PARK UPDATE
 - B. DOROTHEA DIX PARK UPDATE
 - C. SKEHAN CENTER PROGRAMMING UPDATE
3. NEW BUSINESS
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Minutes
Hampden Town Council
Services Committee
March 11, 2013

The meeting of the Hampden Town Council Services Committee was called to order at 6:00p.m. on Monday, April 09, 2012, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Chairperson Jean Lawlis.

Attendance:

Councilor Jean Lawlis, Chair
Councilor Janet Hughes
Matt Thomas, Hampden Public Safety
Councilor William Shakespear

Councilor David Ryder
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director
Councilor Tom Brann
Terry McAvoy

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 14, 2013 were approved without objection

New Business

Matt Thomas gave a short presentation about the findings on an investigation into streaming video of town council meetings. Matt indicated that for streaming of meetings, we can download the meeting to a computer and upload it to a server such as Youtube could be done without charge. Current bandwidth in the town office building would make that difficult. It was suggested that the library could be used. A discussion on other options to make the streaming live was decided should be looked at. Also, it was mentioned to look at what it would cost to do any of this in terms of staff time. Councilors asked Matt to discuss with Susan Lessard, Town Manager about the impact of staff and the other options.

Old Business

Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director gave an update on the state of the financials of the Skehan Center. Currently the department is showing \$24,722.44 deposited with expenses totaling \$25,547.07. Kurt also showed that expected revenues of \$25,235.00 and estimated expenses of \$18,325.00 will finish out the fiscal year.

Discussion was started about the direction of the facility moving forward. Councilors took turns describing their beliefs of the project. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to recommend the council to authorize the Recreation Director and the Recreation Department to continue operating, reporting on a quarterly basis, until further notice. Motion made by Councilor Hughes and seconded by Councilor Brann. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm